

over which the general government has invariably retained control, and to improve which it has long been its policy to make appropriations.

For these reasons, your memorialist respectfully invites the attention of Congress to the subject, and while a necessity for economy in the administration of public affairs is apparent, yet in the opinion of your memorialist, the pressing importance of an early completion of this work will justify Congress, at its present session, in undertaking the same. Be it therefore

*Resolved by the General Assembly of Iowa*, That the Governor be, and is hereby authorized and requested to affix his official signature hereto, and forward a copy of this Memorial to the President of the United States, the President of the Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and to each of our senators and representatives in the Congress of the United States.

Approved March 31, 1868.

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## NUMBER XI.

### RATIFYING AMENDMENTS TO THE STATE CONSTITUTION.

JOINT RESOLUTION Agreeing to, Ratifying, and Confirming Amendments to the State Constitution.

WHEREAS, The Eleventh General Assembly of the State of Iowa did, in due form, by a majority of the members elected to each of the two houses, agree to proposed amendments to the constitution as follows:

1st. Strike the word "White" from section 1 of article 2 thereof;

2d. Strike the word "White" from section 33 of article 3 thereof;

3d. Strike the word "White" from section 34 of article 3 thereof;

4th. Strike the word "White" from section 35 of article 3 thereof;

5th. Strike the word "White" from section 1 of article 6 thereof;

and entered the same on the journals thereof, and referred the same to the legislature to be chosen at the next general election, and the same having been published, as provided by law, for three months previous to the time of making the choice of this the Twelfth General Assembly: therefore,

*Be it resolved by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa,* That the said amendments aforesaid, and each of them, are hereby ratified, agreed to, and confirmed, and the same shall be submitted to the people for their approval, as this General Assembly shall provide.

Approved March 31, 1868.

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## NUMBER XII.

PETER J. KNAPP.

JOINT RESOLUTION to Congress for the Relief of Peter J. Knapp, Private Co. "H," 5th Iowa Infantry Volunteers.

WHEREAS, Peter J. Knapp, a private of Co. "H," 5th Iowa Volunteer Infantry, was captured by the rebel army at the battle of Mission Ridge, Tennessee, November 25th, 1863, and remained a prisoner until nine of his company, captured with him, had died of want and exposure; and,

WHEREAS, The said soldier was recaptured in December, 1864, by General Grierson, at Egypt Station, on the Ohio and Mobile Railroad, in company with the Union prisoners who were then regarded as deserters and treated as such by our military commanders, but it being known that the said P. J. Knapp never took an oath of allegiance to the so-called rebel government, and that his loyalty and fidelity is and always was unquestionable; and,

WHEREAS, The said Peter J. Knapp has endured great hardship, and did honor to himself and flag on many a battle-field, both before and since his long captivity: therefore,

*Be it resolved by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa,* That we instruct our senators and representatives in Congress to secure such legislation as will authorize the honorable muster-out of the said P. J. Knapp, and the full payment of all back pay and allowances due him as a soldier of the company and regiment above stated, and that the Secretary of State be instructed to forward a copy of these resolutions to each of our senators and representatives in Congress.

Approved April 2, 1868.